

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
EXAMINERS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF  
THE LICENSE OF

LAURA BURLAK, P.T.A.  
LICENSE NO. 40QB00208300

TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter came before the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners upon information that Laura Burlak (“respondent”) has failed to complete a total of thirty (30) credits of continuing education in approved physical therapy courses during the period of February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2012, as required for the 2012-2014 biennial license renewal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. Based upon information received and which the Board has reviewed, the following preliminary findings are made:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a physical therapist assistant in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On the 2nd day of February, 2012 the respondent submitted her completed application for renewal of license as a physical therapist assistant in the State of New Jersey.

3. The respondent answered negatively to question #5: "Will you have completed the required continuing education by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012?"

4. On June 20, 2012, the Board received a letter from the respondent stating that she failed to complete the credits because she does not "receive reimbursement" for taking the courses and was undergoing financial difficulties during the period in question.

### CONCLUSION OF LAW

Respondent has not satisfied the requirements of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.18 (a) 10 and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.1 et. seq. with regard to the completion of the appropriate number of approved continuing education credit hours and is therefore subject to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), failure to comply with the provisions of an act or regulation administered by the Board, which constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of any certificate, registration or license, and grounds for sanction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

### DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") was entered on February 12, 2013, and served upon the Respondent at the last known address by regular and certified mail.

The POD was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by submitting a written report for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or

dismissed and submitting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

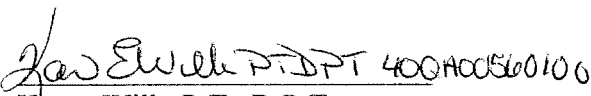
On September 23, 2013 a check was received from Respondent in the amount of \$500 in complete satisfaction of the penalty imposed in the POD. Additionally, proofs evidencing satisfactory completion of the outstanding continuing education credits were submitted with the correspondence and were accepted by the Board.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS** 25<sup>th</sup> **DAY OF** November, 2014,

**ORDERED that:**

1. Respondent paid the civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) imposed in the POD.
2. Respondent submitted proof of having completed the requisite thirty (30) hours of continuing education credits within ninety (90) days of the date of the receipt of the Final Order as the Respondent submitted proofs indicating that she satisfactorily completed 14 outstanding continuing education credits. **These continuing education credits are NOT to be used to renew respondent's license for the 2014-2016 renewal period.**
3. The Respondent met all the conditions set forth in the POD and Respondent's license as a physical therapist assistant remains active.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD  
OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

By:  400H00560100  
Karen Wilk, P.T., D.P.T.  
Chair

Via Certified and Regular Mail  
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